

was so thorough that the APWU used his services in national contract negotiations and numerous other special projects that affected the union. He has promoted union advocacy and educated colleagues on how to interpret the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the National Labor Relations Act.

For 28 years John has represented the APWU in the Denver Region, which includes the states of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. John was one of the principal architects of the five-state Denver Regional Assembly, an entity that flourishes today. He is so highly respected that no one has run against him in the National Election in more than 20 years.

Again, I take this opportunity to thank John Kelly for his years of service to the APWU and want to wish him and his family the best in retirement.

#### HONORING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

#### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 1998*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three high schools in San Diego County which have now had their excellence recognized and proclaimed as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Torrey Pines High School, in Encinitas, California, in my 51st Congressional District, part of the San Diego Union High School District, principal Marie Grey, and superintendent Dr. William Berrier.

Coronado High School, in Coronado, California, part of the Coronado Unified School District, principal Dr. Jeffrey David, and superintendent Dr. Rene Townsend.

University of San Diego High School, in Linda Vista, California, principal Dr. Richard Kelly.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that these Blue Ribbon Schools display the qualities of excellence that are necessary to prepare our young people for the 21st Century.

#### IN HONOR OF FATHER ALBERT JAMES EVANS, SS.CC.

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Father Albert Evans who celebrates his Fiftieth Jubilee Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel on May 31, 1998.

Father Al, as he is known to friends, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. Graduating from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1932, Father Al joined the unemployed masses of the Great Depression. For the next ten years, he would hold a variety of odd jobs, working as an orderly in Cleveland City Hospital, a factory worker, a dock worker, and a truck driver.

In 1939, Father Al enrolled in Saint Mary's College in Kentucky. It was while studying at Saint Mary's that Father Al found his calling,

applying for admission to the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He began his studies for the priesthood three years later in Washington, DC and was ordained in 1948.

Upon his ordination, Father Al received an obedience in Japan. For the next twenty years, he presided over a little mission north of Tokyo. His work in Japan ended after he was diagnosed with lung cancer, resulting in the removal of a portion of his left lung. Father Albert recovered upon his return to the United States, dedicating himself to mission promotion.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize Father Al's fifty years of service to the world's underprivileged and congratulate him as he celebrates his Fiftieth Jubilee Mass.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JESSICA L. CHAPMAN ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NY

#### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 1998*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding young lady from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Jessica L. Chapman. Jessica recently accepted her appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where she will join the incoming Cadet Class of 2002.

Jessica, who is from Bowling Green, Ohio, will soon be graduating from Bowling Green High School, and will begin preparing for one of the most challenging, rewarding, and educational experiences of her life: her four-year commitment at West Point.

While attending Bowling Green High School, Jessica has proven herself to be an exceptional student and an outstanding student-athlete. In the classroom, Jessica's accomplishments are unparalleled as she has attained a perfect 4.0 grade point average, placing her first in her class of 290 students.

In addition to her academic achievements, Jessica has performed very well on the fields of competition. Jessica was the Co-Captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team and the Varsity Volleyball Team. She was also a member of the Varsity Track and Varsity Basketball Teams. Jessica was active in the National Honor Society, German Club, and attended the United States Air Force Academy's Summer Science Seminar.

Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women to the nation's military academies. I am pleased that Jessica has accepted her appointment and will be joining West Point's Class of 2002. I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jessica Chapman. I am sure she will do very well at West Point, and in all of her future endeavors.

#### IN HONOR OF PRINCIPAL MARY S. MURPHY

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my appreciation for one of our finest educators and administrators, Ms. Mary Murphy, who is moving on after sixteen years of invaluable service to Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. She served fourteen years as an English teacher and Senior advisor, and three years as principal.

Mary Murphy has inspired hundreds of her pupils to become outstanding students who went on to successful careers. But perhaps more importantly, she emphasized to her students the importance of being kind and considerate individuals.

Ms. Murphy is compassionate, caring, funny and a good listener. These qualities allowed her to capture students' attention and become an important influence in their lives.

I salute Principal Mary Murphy for being an excellent educator, leader, and role model. She will be leaving Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, but her work will always stay in her students' hearts and minds.

#### JASON ESPIRITU, GUAM'S NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE FINALIST

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 1998*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, for the last couple of days, Washington, D.C. played host to 57 state-level winners from all over America as they vie to win the 1998 National Geography Bee. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the National Geography Bee was developed in response to concern about lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. The finalists range from ages 11 to 15. Each rose above a field of about 5 million students in order to earn a place in the 10th annual national championships. The finals were held on May 19th and 20th hosted for the 10th consecutive year by Jeopardy's Alex Trebek.

The state level winners represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the five U.S. territories—American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands—and the Department of Defense Schools. Twelve of the 57 students are repeat state winners. Ten others competed in the 1997 finals. Among them, Jason Espiritu, is from my home Island of Guam and I am proud to announce that he finished in the top ten.

Jason, a seventh grade student at St. Anthony's School in Tamuning, is the son of Virgilio and Amelia Espiritu. As you may have guessed, his favorite subjects in school are Social Studies and Geography. To prepare for the competition he employed a number of reference materials such as atlases, almanacs, news magazines and National Geographic videos. His fine performance could be contributed to preparation and his every day habits of